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Present	Media Present
Barry Whitley, Mayor	Taylor Co News
Ed Guinn, Mayor Pro-Tem	
Glenn Harris	
Deborah Williams	
Amanzie Jenkins (late came in at 7:10)	
Chas Gassett	
Vicki Wainwright	

Invocation – Mayor Barry Whitley

Old Business:

Minutes:

A motion was made by Deborah Williams to approve the minutes from September 8th Regular Council Meeting, September 8th Zoning Meeting, and the September 17th Called Meeting, seconded by Chas Gassett. Vote was unanimous. (Councilman Amanzie Jenkins was late)

New Business:

Budget:

Tabled until further review

Department Head Reports:

Public Works Director David Windham informed the Mayor and Council that the water extension project at the Airport has been completed. He told them that the street sign replacement project is underway. This project is to bring all stop signs up to date with DOT standards including reflective qualities as well as proper height and width. The City has been divided in to 4 quarters with Hwy 19 as the middle ground. The North West quarter has been completed at this time. The 2013 CDBG is on hold due to the contractors having to move to another project since the land condemnation delay has them behind schedule. They should be back within the next two weeks.

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He also went over some important dates for the Mayor and Council to remember. November 11th is the Veterans Day Holiday for the City and the offices will be closed. The City will also be closed on Thanksgiving and the day after. Trash pick-up for that week will fall on Saturday following Thanksgiving.

The tree lightening program will be Thursday night, December 3rd. It is regularly on a Monday night but due to scheduling issues it will now be on Thursday night at 6:30. The staff is currently working with the school to get the student choir to come back to perform as it was such a success last year.

Friday, December 18th at 12:00 PM will be the annual Employee Christmas Lunch.

The Office will be closed on December 24th and 25th for the Christmas Holidays. Trash Pick-up will be the Saturday after Christmas.

Fire Administrator Eddie Moulton told the Council that the past month has been a slow one for the fire department. They ran 8 calls. 1 was a vehicle accident, 1 structure fire, 1 vehicle fire, and 5 service calls such as smoke alarms, etc. He stated that Saturday and Sunday October 24th and 25th would be the days for the annual pump testing.

Police Chief Jimmy Towns introduced new Police Officer Jordan Ball to the Mayor and Council. He stated that he does an outstanding job for the police department.

He stated that the police department ran 346 calls last month, with 188 traffic stops included in that number. There was 133 traffic citations issued.

He told the Mayor and Council that this year was the first year that the Police Department has competed in the Governor's Challenge and that the City of Butler came in 3rd place. The City received a plaque and certificate, and will receive $2000.00 at the first of the year. Chief Towns is now the Assistant Coordinator for the West Central Georgia Traffic Network, and has now been asked to step up to be the Coordinator. He said that last Thursday he got to go to Atlanta and meet the Governor and First Lady and was part of a commercial that will be run through the holidays.

He also shared with the Mayor and Council that Roy Walton, the General Manager of the Taylor County Landfill/Waste Industries has purchased 2 radios for the Police Department. The radios are approximately $900.00 each.

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Chief Towns said that Halloween falls on Saturday night this year and he is asking all parents observe Trick or Treating between the hours of 5 PM and 8 PM. He asked everyone to be safe.
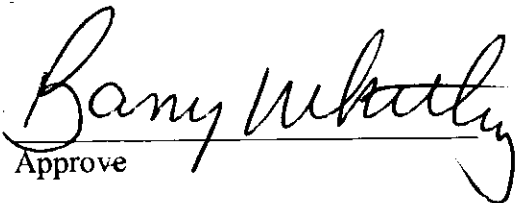
City Clerk Vicki Wainwright gave the Mayor and Council a copy of the brochure on Government Window, which is an on-line payment system that will offer the citizens the convenience of making multiple service payments using their credit or debit cards from the comfort of their own home, through their computer or via their phone. The process is available 24/7 and is safe, fast, and confidential. There is no cost to the City except for the cost of the integration within INCODE. She stated that in the long run this will save the City money. With this system the customer will absorb the fees associated with the debit or credit card use instead of the City. The Police Department already uses this system for the citations. A motion was made by Councilman Chas Gassett to use Government Window for the Credit/Debit Card payments. A second was issued by Councilman Amanzie Jenkins. The vote was unanimous.
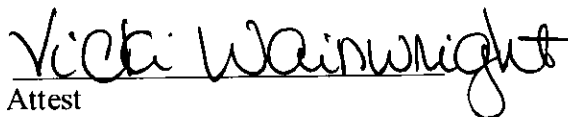
EXECUTIVE SESSION: With no further discussion, a motion was made to enter in to Executive Session by Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn to discuss personnel. A 2nd was issued by Councilwoman Deborah Williams. The vote was unanimous.

REGULAR SESSION (continued):

Animal Control: *Left before Council was ready to speak with them due to a family emergency.*

ADJOURN: A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Glenn Harris and a 2nd was given by Councilman Chas Gassett. The vote was unanimous

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Approve

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Attest